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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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12 In the Matter of)	FPPC No. 05/881
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14 PS ECO, INC. DBA PS ENTERPRISES AND)	STIPULATION, DECISION and
15 JOSEPH "RICK" RUIZ,)	ORDER
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16 Respondents.)	
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18 Complainant Roman G. Porter, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission,
19 and Respondents PS Eco, Inc. dba PS Enterprises and Joseph "Rick" Ruiz agree that this stipulation will
20 be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled
21 meeting.

22 The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this
23 matter and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to
24 determine the liability of Respondents.

25 Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural
26 rights set forth in Sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in Sections 18361.1
27 through 18361.9 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the
28 right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an

1 attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the
2 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to have an impartial administrative law judge
3 preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

4 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondent PS Eco, Inc. dba PS Enterprises violated the
5 Political Reform Act by failing to timely file a quarterly Report of Lobbying Firm both online and on
6 paper, in violation of Government Code Sections 86117, subdivision (a) and 84605, subdivision (d) (2
7 counts), and Respondent Joseph "Rick" Ruiz violated the Political Reform Act by failing to timely file a
8 quarterly Lobbyist Report both online and on paper, in violation of Government Code Sections 86113
9 and 84605, subdivision (d) (1 count), and making a contribution to a candidate for California State
10 Assembly while registered to lobby the California State Legislature, in violation of Government Code
11 Section 85702 (1 count). All counts are described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and
12 incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of
13 the facts in this matter.

14 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.
15 Respondent PS Eco, Inc. dba PS Enterprises also agrees to the Commission imposing upon it an
16 administrative penalty in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) and Respondent Joseph "Rick"
17 Ruiz also agrees to the Commission imposing upon him an administrative penalty in the amount of Five
18 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). Cashier's checks from Respondents in said amounts, made payable to the
19 "General Fund of the State of California," are submitted with this stipulation as full payment of the
20 administrative penalties, to be held by the State of California until the Commission issues its decision
21 and order regarding this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept
22 this stipulation, it shall become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the
23 Commission meeting at which the stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in
24 connection with this stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and
25 agree that in the event the Commission rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the
26 Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director,
27 shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

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1 Dated: _____

Roman G. Porter, Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

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Tom Soto, President of PS Eco, Inc.
dba PS Enterprises, Respondent

9 Dated: _____

Joseph “Rick” Ruiz, Respondent

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Ross Johnson, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission